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ENERGY SYSTEMS ANALYSIS

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1. THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES HAS PROPOSED THAT A TEAM OF FOUR GOV OFFICIALS VISIT WASHINGTON ON OR ABOUT MAY 23 FOR 2 TO 3 DAYS OF DISCUSSIONS WITH U.S. EXPERTS ON ENERGY SYSTEMS ANALYSIS, AS PROPOSED IN REF A. THE VENEZUELAN TEAM WOULD CONSIST OF:

A) RICHARD CORRIE, DIRECTOR OF ENERGY PLANNING, SECTORAL DIRECTORATE OF ENERGY, MINISTRY OF ENERGY AND MINES

B) WILLIAM LARRALDE, CHIEF, PROGRAMMING DIVISION, DIRECTORATE OF ENERGY PLANNING. MEM

C) CARLOS VARGAS, COORDINATOR FOR ENERGY SECTOR, CENTRAL OFFICE OF COORDINATION AND PLANNING OF THE PRESIDENCY (CORDIPLAN)

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D) HECTOR SANCHEZ OR RAFAEL GUDINO, DIRECTORATE FOR PLANNING, ELECTRICITY ADMINISTRATION AND DEVELOPMENT CORPORATION (CADAFE)

2. MR CORRIE STATES THAT ALL OF THE ABOVE SPEAK ENGLISH AND THAT NO INTERPRETER WILL BE REQUIRED. HE HAS SUGGESTED THE FOLLOWING WEEK, I.E. ON OR ABOUT MAY 30,

IF THE MAY 23 DATE IS UNACCEPTABLE. THE VENEZUELAN TEAM WILL BE FUNDED BY THE GOV AND WILL MAKE ITS OWN TRAVEL ARRANGEMENTS, ALTHLUGH MR CORRIE HAS REQUESTED THAT THE DEPARTMENT SUGGEST A SUITABLE HOTEL IN WASHINGTON, AND IF POSSIBLE, MAKE TENTATIVE HOTEL RESERVATIONS.

3. THE EMBASSY URGES DOE TO ACCEPT ONE OF THE TWO PROPOSED DATES AND ADVISE US AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. THE PROPOSED TEAM REPRESENTS THE MAJOR ENERGY PLANNING ENTITIES IN VENEZUELA. VAKY

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